



City of Farmers Branch

Minutes

Sustainability Committee

Fire Station #2
13333 Alpha Link
Farmers Branch, TX, 75244

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

6:30 PM

Fire Station #2

Meeting held at 6:30 PM

Presiding: Loren Rives, Chairperson

Price Trosin (Vice-Chair)

Ted Spradley (Secretary)

Val Clark

Suzette Vaquera

Lisa Massey

Jasper Morse

Absent: Al Mahesh

Staff: Alex Pharmakis, Sustainability Manager

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

Loren Rives called the meeting to order at 6:30pm on December 11th, 2024.

B. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No comments received

C. **AGENDA ITEMS**

C.1 **Consider approving the following minutes; and take appropriate action**

- **October 9, 2024 (amended)**
- **November 13, 2024 Minutes**

Price Trosin motioned to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Lisa Massey. Motion passed unanimously.

C.2 **Receive staff updates on sustainability initiatives**

Alex Pharmakis provided the following updates:

- Staff is working with the Planning Department on updates to the Code of Ordinances to meet the SolSmart Designation Requirement
- Staff is continuing work on the LEED for Cities certification and Greenhouse Gas Inventories
- The consultant is working on the first draft of the Active Transportation Plan with the updated project list.
- Staff is looking to apply for urban heat measurement grants
 - There have been some program changes that will need to be considered prior to applying
- Water Rebates
 - 109 toilet replacements approved
 - 13 irrigation checkup applications approved
- The next Sustainability Committee meeting will be January 8, 2025

Members asked questions regarding the change to the attendance policy and the status of the vacancy for the alternate #2 position.

C.3 Discuss sustainability initiatives from other cities

Loren Rives requested that all members provide an update at the January 8, 2025, meeting on an initiative from another city that aligns with the adopted plans. Alex Pharmakis mentioned he would follow up with the committee with a slide template in case any members would like to include pictures for the next agenda.

C.4 Receive subcommittee updates

- **Built and Natural Environment**
- **Communications**
- **Water Conservation**

Built and Natural Environment

- No updates

Communications

- Working on creating a calendar to keep members informed on related events.

Water Conservation

- Waiting for rollout of residential smart meters to be completed.
- Looking at methods to reduce stormwater issues and conserve water on residential properties.

C.5 Receive an update from Committee members on activities attended

Suzette Vaquera attended the Metrocrest Leadership Class visit to the landfill. She also mentioned an upcoming event at Dallas College – Brookhaven on December 12 that will feature elected representatives.

C.7 Discuss agenda items for future Sustainability Committee meetings

Loren Rives requested it would be beneficial for the members to review the status of the sustainability plan and identify areas of focus for 2025

D. ADJOURNMENT

Val Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Suzette Vaquera. Motion approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Chair

Secretary